

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A footwear donning device, comprising:

a carriage for holding the footwear[;], wherein the carriage includes:

a pair of opposing hook lobes; and

a pair of yokes;

a fore handle coupled to the carriage, wherein the fore handle is flexible, and wherein each yoke is adjacent to the fore handle to move around a heel; and

a handle coupled to the fore handle for donning the footwear.

2. (Previously amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the carriage includes a carrier plate having:

a pair of opposing sides extending beyond the fore handle; and

a rounded end opposite the fore handle.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the opposing sides are about 4 inches apart.

4. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the carrier plate extends beyond the fore handle by at most approximately 2.5 inches.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim [5] 1, wherein the carriage further includes[?] a pair of stems, wherein each stem is located proximate a hook lobe and adjacent to a yoke, ~~and~~
~~a pair of yokes, wherein each yoke is adjacent to a stem and adjacent to the fore handle.~~

7. (Currently amended) The device of claim [5] 1, wherein the carriage further includes a pair of opposing joints, wherein each joint attaches a hook lobe to an opposing side of the ~~carrier plate~~
carriage.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein each hook lobe includes:

a curved portion; and

a rounded portion extending beyond the joint and toward the fore handle.

9. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein each joint is flexible.

10. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein each joint is less than approximately 0.75 inches long.

11. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a horn coupled to the handle for assisting in removing footwear.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the horn includes a snare.
13. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the horn further assists in donning a shoe.
14. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a hole for storing the device.
15. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the fore handle has a length of about 9 inches.
16. (Original) The device of claim 1, having a length of about 28 inches.
17. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the handle is graduated to about a 10 degree oval.
18. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the carriage, the fore handle and the handle comprise a single molded unit.
19. (Original) The device of claim 18, comprising of one of the group consisting of polypropylene and a composite plastic.
20. (Previously amended) A device for donning and removing a sock, comprising:
 - a handle for donning the sock;
 - a fore handle coupled to the handle, wherein the fore handle is flexible;

a longitudinally curved carriage for holding the sock during donning, wherein the carriage is coupled to the fore handle; and

a horn for removing the sock coupled to the handle opposite the fore handle.

21. (Original) The device of claim 20, further comprising a hole for storing the device.

22. (Original) The device of claim 21, wherein the hole is located on the handle proximate the horn.

23. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein the horn further assists in donning a shoe.

24. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein the carriage includes:

a carrier plate having a pair of opposite sides extending beyond the fore handle and a rounded end located opposite the fore handle;

a pair of hook lobes, each hook lobe forming an obtuse angle with a side of the carrier plate; and

a pair of joints, each joint attaching a portion of a hook lobe to a side of the carrier plate.

25. (Original) The device of claim 24, wherein the carriage further includes:

a pair of stems, each stem proximate a hook lobe; and

a pair of yokes, each yoke adjacent a stem and the fore handle.

26. (Original) A footwear donning device, comprising:

a carriage for holding the footwear, the carriage including:

a carrier plate having a pair of opposing sides and a rounded end;

a pair of hook lobes, each hook lobe attached to a side of the carrier plate using a flexible joint;

a pair of stems attached to the carrier plate opposite the rounded end, wherein each stem is located proximate a hook lobe; and

a pair of yokes, wherein each yoke is located adjacent a stem;

a fore handle attached to the carriage, wherein each yoke is further adjacent the fore handle; and

a handle attached to the fore handle for donning the footwear.

27. (Original) The device of claim 26, wherein the fore handle is flexible.

28. (Original) The device of claim 26, wherein each hook lobe includes a rounded portion extending beyond the joint and toward the fore handle.

29. (Original) The device of claim 26, further comprising a horn extending beyond the handle.

30. (Original) The device of claim 26, wherein the handle includes a hole located opposite the fore handle for storing the device.

31. (Previously added) The device of claim 1, wherein the carriage is longitudinally flexible.

32. (Previously added) A device for donning and removing a sock, comprising:

a handle for donning the sock;

a fore handle coupled to the handle; and

a longitudinally curved carriage for holding the sock during donning, wherein the carriage is coupled to the fore handle.

33. (Previously added) The device of claim 32, wherein the fore handle is flexible.

34. (Previously added) The device of claim 32, wherein the carriage is longitudinally flexible.

35. (Previously added) The device of claim 1, wherein the carriage lifts the footwear during donning.

36. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the fore handle is flexible along a substantial portion of a length of the fore handle to conform to a heel of a user.